37426 new leprosy cases have been detected so far in the country in 2006-07 as on 30th June, 2006, out of which 1700 (4.54%) leprosy cases are from Chhattisgarh State.

The Government of India is committed to implementing the National Leprosy Elimination Compaign throughout the country even after achievement of elimination at the national level. These efforts are expected to lead to eradication of leprosy in the long term.

NRHM in **North Eastern Region**

*326. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress, so far, made in carrying out of objectives of the National Rural Health Mission in the North Eastern Region, indicating the estimated population for whom health facilities are still beyong reach, State-wise;

(b) the allocation of Central funds for the mission during the current year and during the preceding three years, and the population and the area covered under the mission during each year, State-wise; and

(c) the criteria adopted for allocation of Central funds for the mission and the steps taken to ensure the prevention of leakage, diversion or misappropriation of funds?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (A) The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched on12th April, 2005, and is beign implemented throughout the country with special focus on 18 States which includes all the NE States (and Sikkim). It aims at providing integrated, comprehensive and effective primary health care to the poor, vulnerable sections of the society.

State Health Missions have been constituted in all North Eastern States and Sikkim. The merger of Health & Family Welfare Departments in all the States have been completed and the State Health and Family Welfare Societies have been merged in all these States except in the State of Sikkim and 376 Rogi Kalyan Samitis have so far been registered. 15,629 ASH As have been selected so fare in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland.

The RCH II, Janani Suraksha Yojana have also been launched in the NE States. There has been progress in various important programmes like the Blindness Control Programme, Routine Immunization etc.

United Fund of Rs. 10,000/- has been released to each of the Sub Centres in the NE Region. 158 CHCs have been selected for upgradation as per the Indian Public Health Standards. During the Mission period (2005-2012), all the PHCs would be made fully functional on 24x7 basis.

A North East division has been set up in the Ministry. A North Eastern Regional Resource Centre (NE-RRC) has also been set up at Guwahati with support from European Commission. The aim of NERRC is to provide technical assistance to the NE states and would work with these states to identify the core areas to be focused in the short, medium and long run and plan, for providing the missing technical and managerial capacity.

One State Facilitator in each of the North Eastern States (including Sikkim) has been appointed to facilitate implementation of NRHM, recently, the Competent Authority has approved the detailed Framework for Implementation of National Rural Health Mission which *inter-alia* envisages relaxation of existing norms in favour of NE States in view of the special needs of these States.

(b) During the year 2005-06, an amount of Rs. 325.73 Crore have been released to these States under NRHM. The detailed State-wise allocation of the 8 NE States under NRHM for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 is given in the Statement (See below).

(c) The allocation of the funds to the States is on the basis of several parameters like population, prevalence of disease, State specific requirements, shortage of manpower and health infrastructure, etc.

The NRHM provides for enhanced funding for various activities under the Mission and, therefore, detailed monitoring and accountability protocols have been ensured at all levels. Enhanced accountability is envisaged through community ownership and participation in management of health facilities and programmes, regular monitoring through data collection and building of accounting and managerial capacity at all levels. In addition, the Chartered Accountancy Firms have been engaged by NERRC to undertake finalization of accounts of all the

8 NE States and several workshops have been conduced to streamline the financial management of these States.

The funds are released to the states based upon submission of Statement of Expenditure (SOE) and Utilization Certificates in accordance with the guidelines of the Ministry of Finance. The expenditure of the states is auditable by the Accountant General and under the NRHM, Programme Management Units at State and District levels have been set up to implement and monitor the programme.

Statement

State-wise Allocation under NRHM for 8 NE States for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07

SI.No.	State	Total for schemes under NRDM (Rs. in lakh)	
		2005-06	2006-07
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	2637.96	3204.31
2.	Assam	24797.21	51300.36
3.	Manipur	3362.81	5381.46
4.	Meghalaya	3215.47	5263.1
5.	Mizoram	3121.08	2839.83
6.	Nagaland	3041.52	4921.02
7.	Sikkim	791.98	1458.89
8.	Tripura	5058.88	6652.68
	TOTAL :	46026.91	81021.65

Community managed food and water security system

*327. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Farmers, in its report, has emphasized the need for community managed food and water security system promoted with help and oversight of Gram Sabhas;